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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An element, said element being flat or semi-flat and comprising a partly or completely circumambient frame, which element is manufactured through injection molding of a thermoplastic polymeric material, wherein the element comprises a carrying structure constituted by the frame, said frame having a corner section and a straight section, and a wall section, which wall section is connected to the circumambient frame via a resilient section, the resilient section being a part of the wall section, wherein differences in the temperature related shrinkage between the circumambient frame and the wall section are absorbed by the resilient section whereby the resilient section prevents warping of the element, wherein the wall section is connected to the straight section of the frame, and [[A]] a material thickness of the wall section is thinner closest to the connection between the frame and the wall section than the average thickness of the wall section and the frame, ~~whereby~~ wherein a pivot line is formed, which pivot line facilitates resilient action in the wall section.

2. (Previously Presented) The element according to claim 1, wherein the frame is formed by a U-shaped profile.

3. (Previously Presented) The element according to claim 1, wherein the wall section is connected to the frame about the gravity center line of the frame.

4. (Previously Presented) The element according claim 1, further comprising a barrier in the connection part at the solidification of the thermoplastic material, which barrier prevents pressurised fluid used during the injection molding from entering the wall section during the manufacturing process.

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6. (Previously Presented) The element according to claim 1, wherein the element forms a side wall of a container or a collapsible container, a bottom section of a container or a collapsible container or a lid of a container.

7. (Previously Presented) The element according to claim 2, wherein the wall section is connected to the frame about the gravity center line of the frame.

8. (Previously Presented) Flat or semi-flat element according to claim 2, further comprising a barrier in the connection part at the solidification of the thermoplastic material, which barrier prevents pressurised fluid used during the injection molding from entering the wall section during the manufacturing process.

9. (Previously Presented) The element according to claim 3, further comprising a barrier in the connection part at the solidification of the thermoplastic material, which barrier

prevents pressurised fluid used during the injection molding from entering the wall section during the manufacturing process.

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12. (Previously Presented) The element according to claim 2, wherein the element forms a side wall of a container or a collapsible container, a bottom section of a container or a collapsible container or a lid of a container.

13. (Previously Presented) The element according to claim 3, wherein the element forms a side wall of a container or a collapsible container, a bottom section of a container or a collapsible container or a lid of a container.

14. (Previously Presented) The element according to claim 4, wherein the element forms a side wall of a container or a collapsible container, a bottom section of a container or a collapsible container or a lid of a container.

15. (Previously Presented) The element according to claim 5, wherein the element forms a side wall of a container or a collapsible container, a bottom section of a container or a collapsible container or a lid of a container.

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17. (Previously Presented) The element according to claim 1, wherein the frame is formed by a plurality of ribs, the plurality of ribs spaced at a distance from each other smaller than the height of the height of each of the plurality of ribs.

18. (Previously Presented) The element according to claim 1, wherein the frame is formed by a closed hollow profile.

19. (Previously Presented) The element according to claim 1, wherein the wall section is connected to the frame, such that any disparate shrinking is absorbed by the resilient section without any relative movement between the wall section and the frame.

20. (Previously Presented) The element according to claim 3, wherein the wall section is connected to the frame at the gravity center line of the frame.

21. (Previously Presented) The element according to claim 7, wherein the wall section is connected to the frame at the gravity center line of the frame.

22. (Previously Presented) A container comprising a plurality of sidewalls and optionally a lid, at least one selected from the group consisting of at least one of the sidewalls and the lid comprising the flat or semi-flat element of claim 1.

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24. (Previously Presented) The element according to claim 1, wherein the wall section and the circumambient frame have disparate thicknesses.

25. (Previously Presented) A container comprising a plurality of sidewalls and optionally a lid, at least one selected from the group consisting of at least one of the sidewalls and the lid comprising the flat or semi-flat element of claim 24.